	National American Indian Heritage Month 2010	
Date	Fact	Source
	President Barack Obama proclaimed, "The indigenous peoples of	
	North America, the First Americans, have woven rich and diverse	
	threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their	
	long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound	
	triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American	
	Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments,	
	contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation	http://www.army.mil/americanindians/index.h
1-Nov-10	in all aspects of American society."	<u>tml</u>
	The term "American Indian and Alaska Native" refers to people who	
	share origins with the original people of North, Central, and South	
	America, and who maintain tribal affiliation or community	
2-Nov-10	attachment.	U.S. Census Bureau
	There are 562 recognized tribes within the continental United States	
	with a population of 1.9 million American Indian and Alaska	
3-Nov-10	Natives.	U.S. DOI- Indian Affairs
	The term "American Indian" encompasses hundreds of different	
4-Nov-10	tribes and approximately 250 languages.	Georgia Institute of Technology
	The U.S. Census reported 4.1 million people are of American	
	Indian/Alaska Native descent in 2000. The tribe with the highest	
5-Nov-10	population is the Cherokee, followed by the Navajo tribe.	U.S. Census Bureau
	In many Native American languages, the translation for soldier,	http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/on
6-Nov-10	warrior, protector, and helper are all the same word.	ap/veterans.cfm
	In 1990, George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating	
7-Nov-10	November as National American Indian Heritage Month.	U.S. Census Bureau
	Private Minnie Spotted-Wolf of Heart Butte, Montana, enlisted in the	
	Marine Corps Women's Reserve in July 1943. She was the first	
8-Nov-10	female American Indian to enroll in the Corps.	Women's Memorial

	Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble was the first Sioux Indian	
9-Nov-10	to receive the Medal of Honor.	U.S. Army
	The military enlisted Navajo recruits as "code talkers" during World	
	War II because Navajo is an unwritten language of extreme	
	complexity. Thus, they were able to create an indecipherable code.	
	Navajo code talkers were honored for their defense contributions on	
10-Nov-10	September 17, 1992 at the Pentagon.	U.S. Navy
	American Indians/Alaska Natives females comprised 2.1% of the	
11-Nov-10	active duty forces as of September 2009.	<u>DEOMI</u>
	American Indians/Alaska Natives comprised 1.7% of the active duty	
12-Nov-10	forces in September 2009.	<u>DEOMI</u>
	American Indian/Alaska Native active duty have the highest	
	representation in the fields of supply, procurement, and allied	
13-Nov-10		<u>DEOMI</u>
	On June 2, 1924, Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act (also	
	known as the Snyder Act of 1924), which granted citizenship to all	
14-Nov-10	Native Americans born in the United States.	<u>Library of Congress</u>
	In the United States, the federal government recognizes Indian tribes	
	as independent and sovereign powers. Sovereignty is the right of a	
	nation or group of people to be self-governing. Indians are United	
	States citizens and also citizens of their tribes. Like other Americans,	
	Indians are subject to federal laws, but they are not always subject to	
	state laws because Indian reservations are held in trust by the federal	
15 37 40	government. A government-to-government relationship exists	
15-Nov-10	between each sovereign tribe and the U.S. government.	Wisconsin Historical Society
	Scouting the enemy was recognized as a strong skill of the Native	
	American soldier. Therefore in 1866, the U.S. Army established the	
16-Nov-10	Indian Scouts.	<u>Department of Defense</u>

	12,000 American Indians served in the U.S. military during World	
	War I. Additionally, more than 42,000 American Indians, 90% of	
17-Nov-10	them volunteers, fought in Vietnam.	Department of Defense
	As of 2010, Tom Cole — a member of the Chickasaw Nation — is	
	currently the only registered Native American in Congress. He was	
	awarded the Congressional Leadership award by the National	
	Congress of American Indians and was inducted in the Chickasaw	
18-Nov-10	Hall of Fame in 2004.	Tom Cole
	Ben Knighthorse Campbell was the first American Indian in history	
	to chair the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and was the only	
19-Nov-10	American Indian serving in the Senate when he retired in 2005.	Holland & Knight
	44,000 American Indians served with distinction between 1941 and	
	1945 in both the European and Pacific wars out of a total Native	
20-Nov-09	American population of less than 350,000.	Department of Defense
	During World War II, American Indians invested more than \$50	
	million in war bonds, and contributed generously to the Red Cross	
21-Nov-09	and Army and Navy Relief societies.	Department of Defense
	Larry Echo Hawk was elected Attorney General of Idaho in 1990, the	
22-Nov-09	first American Indian in U.S. history to achieve that distinction.	U.S. DOI- Indian Affairs
	John Bennett Herrington (Chickasaw), retired Lieutenant	
	Commander of the U.S. Navy, became the first American Indian	
23-Nov-10	astronaut on November 23, 2002.	Space Today
24-Nov-10	"Tushka chipota" means warrior soldier in the Choctaw language.	National Museum of American Indian
	Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian who is known for her role in	
	accompanying the historic Lewis and Clark expedition, was	
	recognized on the gold dollar coin, which replaced the Susan B.	
25-Nov-10	Anthony coin.	Department of Defense

	On May 19, 2009 Larry Echo Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation	
	of Oklahoma, was confirmed by the United States Senate as the	
	Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the	
26-Nov-10	Interior.	U.S. DOI- Indian Affairs
	Joseph J. "Jocko" Clark (Cherokee), was the first Native American to	
27-Nov-10	graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.	Department of Defense
	Montana State Senator, Carol Juneau, a member of the Hidatsa and	
	Mandan Tribes, was crucial in the passage of the "Indian Education	
	for All" Act. The act requires Montana schools to teach Indian	
28-Nov-10	culture and heritage in state classrooms.	Indigenous Democratic Network
	The city of Seattle (Washington) was named after the chief of the	
	Duwam-sh Indians (allied tribes) inhabiting the shores of the bay in	
29-Nov-10	the 1850's.	U.S. Navy
	The Alamo Scouts were a top secret reconnaissance unit that	
	operated in the southwest Pacific during World War II. They	
	performed 108 missions without losing a single man, including two	
	POW camp raids. They are recognized by the Army as the	
	forerunner of the modern Special Forces. In fact, the first Alamo	
	Scouts class, one quarter of the enlisted graduates were American	
30-Nov-10	Indian.	United Native America